

Minutes of OISRA Alpine Division Fall Steering Committee Meeting, October 15th, 2016.

In attendance:

Gary King, Division Director Southern League rep.

Jason Gillies, Division deputy Director.

David Moulton, Commissioner.

Laura Gentry, Metro rep,

Spencer Raymond, Three Rivers rep.

Garrett Shields, Mt Hood rep.

Richard Sellens, Sec/Tres.

The meeting commenced at 9:00 under the chair of the Division Director Gary King.

The minutes for the Spring meeting as posted on the web site were approved.

The Director reported on communications with the OSAA Athletic Directors secretary, the AD for Medford School District, who informed him of her interest in the ongoing efforts to bring the OISRA & the OSSA into one organization. He is working on outreach to Northern California High Schools participating with the Southern league, in particular Yreka.

The Commissioner had been asked to prepare a draft of recommendations for a reviving of the commissioner policies as such. David pointed out that the description of the office of commissioner in the OISRA policies being primarily with division oversight of administration issues rather than the input of race operation protocols, and training for excellence in both voting and non-voting league jury members at the league level, and encourage nominees for the positions a State. David was tasked with coming up with a new description for the commissioner position. League reps and commissioner agreed to pool information for the establishing future division commissioner specific policy-guidelines to be presented at the spring meeting for inclusion in the division policies.

The Registrar-Division Sec/Tres, gave an update regarding on line registration via the web site-a few hiccups with its implementation-nothing too serious, and picking up of any mistakes being reported are welcomed. It was pointed out for the need for head coaches, and their designated certified coaches to be aware at all times where their team members are during sanctioned activities, both on and off the mountain.

Helmets to worn at all times when on snow. It is recommended that coaches and race officials review Alpine Race Rules Section II A Race Rules 5-f-1 & 2 regarding helmets

f 1) GS Helmets – to conform to FIS RH 2013 and must have the appropriate sticker on the helmet:

No Sticker No Start No Exceptions

f2) SL - Helmets fulfilling higher safety standards can be used but, the minimum requirement must have a hard cover over the head, soft coverings over the ears are permitted, and must have manufacturers labels identifying that they meet (EN 1077, CEE 1077, US 2040, or other equivalent standards).

It was agreed that the Three Portland centered leagues would cooperate with new team (associate primarily)league affiliations on an annual basis considering travel and available coaching logistics.

State host report: Planning was under way with the competition events being held at Meadows and non race activity being centered at Hood River. The Host league will provide specifics on available accommodation in Hood River.

Mike Fitzsimmons, Freestyle sub division chair, joined the meeting and gave an update on the planning for the Free Style State event. It was agreed to have a skier-cross open to any Alpine registered skier on the Wednesday, and the non timed competitions to be fitted into the three days and evenings where appropriate. It was agreed that the fine details regarding Freestyle state budget and registration would be worked out between Mike & Jason Alpine Assistant Director responsible for the state event. The entry procedures and the costs per participant will be advised when finalized.

Motion: moved by Spencer Raymond, seconded Gary King:

At the State event, when calculating the move up award, substitutes when timed will be considered for the award. Their times will not affect team or individual placings.

Passed, majority.

Sportsmanship event: Randy Hewitt, the Board appointed Chairperson of the OISRA Sportsmanship program, outlined the proposal for a "pre season" event to replace the Cato. It is intended to be a dual course GS style event with participation of all of the Mount Hood based leagues combining to run the event. All involved will be registered as Racers, coaches, volunteers of the OISRA. As the planning proceeds information will be disseminated to the League reps and team coaches.

The Steering Committee meeting sashayed into the General meeting, and visitor Aaron Ruddkin suggested a consideration for a closer relationship between the OISRA and the USSA/PNSA. Because of the deteriorating weather the attendees who had to travel South needed get away and the meeting concluded at 2:00pm.

Many thanks to Garrett Shields, Mount Hood League rep for premises and gifts.

Submitted by
Richard Sellens
Alpine Division Secretary